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LETTER FROM EURAL RACE

Oxnard, California, July 4th., 1915.
Frank O. Parker,
Alma, Mich.

Dear Frank and the Bunch:—

This finds us in Oxnard, settled and house-keeping. Had a fine trip through, the weather was fine and we enjoyed it very much. Took a sleeper from Chicago to San Francisco, and arrived in Frisco, Wednesday night, at nine o'clock. Thursday and Friday we spent on the Exposition grounds. Oh Yes, at Ogden we got off the train and wandered into the depot and Geo. Winget from Ithaca, came up and slapped me on the back. He left Alma a week before we did but had been stopping off enroute. Our train ran in two sections from Ogden to Frisco and he was in the first and we in the second section. We saw each other five or six times during the next day. The three of us 'did' Frisco together. I understand Joe Page is coming out here in about a month, then George and Joe are coming to see us. We left Frisco Saturday morning at eight o'clock and reached here at nine in the evening—light through the mountains and along the coast all the way.

Now as to Oxnard. We both like it very much. This town is to this country what Merrill is there, it being the only wet town in the county and thirty eight miles from another wet spot. During the past week I have not seen a drunken man upon the streets as I understand they run them off as soon as they show signs of too much booze. We have eleven saloons for a population of between four and five thousand. The business section of the city is around the plaza and on the side streets near by, there being no one main street—a good many more business places here than at Alma. Only one factory here, this being owned by the American Beet Sugar Co., it being the largest factory in capacity in the United States. If I remember right it cuts better than 2000 tons a day while the one at Alma cuts about 1200 tons. It starts operation in about ten days and runs a little over four months. This brings in about 600 men from outside of town. The most of the expert help comes from New Orleans.

The route here is a cinch if there ever was one. What I have to cover is just about like my first trip there around the hospital, this I cover three times a day leaving the postoffice three times on each trip. Report at seven and leave at eight and get back about nine. Then I clean up the parcel post, report at ten thirty and leave at eleven taking on this trip only first class stuff and daily papers, winding up at about eleven forty five. Report at one and leave at one thirty and get back at two fifteen. Then I take out two streets on number two this being all residences which takes me four blocks from the office. He cases the mail and ties it up for me. Takes about thirty minutes to cover, then I clean up the remaining parcel post and get off for the day about three. First class matter is heavy but very few papers except in the Jap and Chinese section, they all get a paper once a day either from Frisco or Los Angeles. Each paper comes in a single wrapper and is marked with the street and number. This colony is about two blocks long with the Japs on one side of the street and the Chinks on the other. All are business places which average about ten feet apart from each other. They all have mail boxes on the outside of the door so their mail is worked out real fast. Never have to enter their places except for registered letters, of which I have about five a day. If in doubt as to where their mail goes, I leave at the Boss of the Japs or the Boss of the Chinks which ever the case may be and he looks after it. It never comes back to the postoffice except that it have a forwarding address upon it. If their mail is left at the wrong place they will deliver it but never under any circumstances will they give it back to me or send it to the office. When they leave town they leave their forwarding order with the Boss and not at the office, so as far as we are concerned when they once get in the colony they are always there. A fine bunch to get along with; several of them speak good English. I understand there are six Chinese women in the colony and the Japs are nearly evenly divided. Just beyond the Chinese comes the Mexicans, Hindoes, Spanish and Negroes. The Mexicans and negroes are the most troublesome. Shooting matches are real common among them. Just before we came, a Mexican shot three officers one night, and last week a negro at the station shot a negro man and woman and killed a white man. The white man was a jitney bus driver. He had this couple in the rear seat taking them to the station; just as he reached the sta-

tion platform this coon on the platform opened fire directly at the front of the car. The driver was hit by mistake and the bullet went through his heart killing him instantly while the man and woman are both in the hospital. They tell me it is not safe for an American to go into the Mexican settlement at night especially if he has been drinking as he is very apt to get on the head and be reported the next morning as missing. They never bother the American part of the town and we very seldom see them upon the business streets, where they always mind their own business. As to the weather here, it certainly is great. The sun does not come out bright until about nine, then it is comfortable with one's coat off until about four when the fogs start in for the interior. It comes in regular sheets. This makes it cool until about six when it warms up. The evenings are pleasant but one needs a coat on, we use the same bedding as we did there in the winter except for the sheets, that is, cotton sheets, two heavy comforters and the spread. The pavement gets pretty warm during the day but not uncomfortable to walk on. Their pavement is around the plaza, nearly a block in each direction, the rest of the roads are crushed stone. But what's the use of going into detail as Kindig will tell you all about this country in a couple of weeks? When you have a little time sit down and write us a letter as we are glad to hear the news. Don't let Merrill work too hard. Eurial.

SCHOOL OF METHODS OPEN MONDAY

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Lansing, Michigan, for information concerning the School of Methods.

Among the others who will assist in making the Alma School of Methods, a real success, are Dr. J. M. Barkley, D.D., LL.D., ex-Moderator of the Presbyterian General Assembly, pastor of the Forest avenue, Presbyterian church, Detroit, and Chairman of the Alma College Trustees; Rev. F. W. Sasse, of Lansing, a specialist in rural Sunday School work; Mr. Burton B. Johnson, one of the state secretaries of the Y.M.C.A.; Prof. F. S. Goodrich, of the Chair of English Bible, Albion College and secretary of the Michigan Sunday school association; William Bryant, D.D., pastor of the Presbyterian church of South Lyons and one of the best known writers in the nation for the religious press; Rev. J. A. Adair, S.T.D., of Stockbridge, who will give special work in Biblical pedagogy and President Thos. C. Blaisdell, Ph. D., of Alma College, who as a specialist in literature has given much attention to the literary side of Bible Study and who will give an elective course on Bible Masterpieces.

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Dr. H. A. Wing
Over Alma State Savings Bank.

LETTER FROM C. E. SCOTT

Philadelphia, July 9, 1915.
Mr. C. F. Brown,
Editor of The Alma Record,
Alma, Michigan.

Dear Mr. Brown:
Many thanks for the courtesy of sending me copies of The Alma Record, containing such a full account of the commencement exercises. For the next ten days I will be at Silver Bay Conference; from the 19th to the 23rd at the Princeton Conference; and the first week of August at the Northfield Conference.

A cable has come from the field so Dr. Makeer writes, requesting the Board to have me stay another year on deputation work, but I am not sure that we will be able to stay away from our work that long. If plans now considered go through, we will pass through Detroit, about the middle of August enroute to San Francisco, whence we sail for China.

Cordially your friend,
Charles Ernest Scott
Care Sunday School Times,
1031 Walnut Street.

RECORD EXCURSION STARTS SOON

"One of my neighbors went up to Duluth on the Northern Navigation Company's line last summer and she hasn't stopped telling about the delightful time she had on the trip," said an Alma lady today. "We haven't much money to spare for an outing this summer, but we've made up our minds to go on the Alma Record Excursion to Duluth and return, which starts from this place July 24th.

No other steamers plying the Great Lakes has the comfort and convenience of its patrons so well looked after to the minutest detail, as the Northern Navigation Company.

Windows are placed most advantageously for the beautiful views along the route and the decks are not cluttered so sight-seeing from them is impracticable or uncomfortable.

The observation advantages have even been considered in the construction of the dining room. Instead of being placed in the hold as has been customary with many of the lake steamers, the dining room on these steamers are on one of the upper decks. The tables are so arranged that the person sitting at them may have view through the broad windows on either side of the steamer. There is no occasion to miss any of the sights, en route when on board one of the Northern Navigation Company's boats. And when you investigate a little further you will find that every appointment is complete. The first impression when you enter your stateroom is the fresh, sweet smell of it, due to the perfect system of ventilation. You remark also the roominess of the compartment, that each berth is equipped with an electric reading lamp that there always is hot and cold water—a convenience on board ship that is seldom to be found in lake travel.

Such attention to such seemingly slight details as these has caused the Northern Navigation Company's steamers to be the favorites of tourists up and down the lakes.

Illustrated folders describing the trip at the Alma Record office. Ask for them.

CONDITION OF WHEAT LITTLE ABOVE AVERAGE

Government Report Shows Larger Acreage Than Was Harvested Last Year

Washington, July 8.—The crop reporting board of the department of agriculture today announced the condition of all 1915 wheat was 87 per cent. of normal, with an estimated production of 963,000,000 bushels, based on July estimates. Corn was estimated at 81.2 per cent and 109,273,000 acres, with a probable yield of 2,814,000,000 bushels. Details of the report follows: Winter wheat: Area planted, 40,169,000 acres, compared with 36,008,000 last year. Condition, 84.4 per cent of normal, compared with 85.8 on June 1, 94.1 on July 1 last year and 81.7 the ten year average. Indicated yield, 16.3 bushels per acre, compared with 19.0 last year and 15.6 the 1909-13 average. Estimated total production, 668,000,000 bushels, compared with 676,000,000 the June forecast, 684,990,000 harvested last year and 441,000,000 the 1909-13 average.

All Wheat—Area planted, 59,417,000 acres, compared with 53,541,000 last year; condition, 87 per cent of normal, compared with 88.2 on June 1; 93.4 on July 1, last year and 82.6, the ten-year average. Indicated yield, 16.2 bushels per acre, compared with 16.6 last year and 14.7 the 1909-13 average; estimated total production, 963,000,000 bushels, compared with 950,000,000, the June forecast; 891,017,000 last year and 686,000,000 the 1909-13 average.

ARCADA FARMER'S CLUB

The Farmer's Club of Arcada, will be entertained by Mrs. G. Peck and Mrs. Fred Rockfellow at the home of Mr. and Mrs. G. Peck three miles south and one west of Alma, on Thursday, July 29th. Members should bring folding tables and hymn books. The program will be as follows:
Opening Song, No. 192, "All Hail the Powers of Jesus' Name", by Club.
Prayer by Rev. J. W. Priest.
Song by the Club, No. 155, "I Need Thee Every Hour"

Address of Welcome—Grove Peck.
Reading—S. W. Peck.
Music—Mabel Bradford.
Recitation—Gertrude Horton.
Reading—Mrs. A. Nestle.
Recitation—Mr. D. Anderson.
Reading—Bessie Bradford.
Music—Louise Hainline.
Question Box.

Closing Song, No. 22, "Tis a Wonderful Story", by Club.

Visitors Welcome.

Mrs. F. Cline,
Mrs. G. Irish,
Mrs. G. Peck,
Mrs. A. E. Miller,
Committee.

N. E. Saad, F. O. Parker and John Knoertzer and families are going to Crystal Lake near Beulah, for a two weeks' outing, the fore part of next week. They will camp out in tents.

HOSPITAL NOTES

Sam Brownell of Emerson township who was operated on for hernia, at Brainerd's Hospital, returned to his home, this week, entirely recovered.

Tom Byrne, horseback rider in Ringlings' circus, who was taken ill with pneumonia while the circus was in this city, on the 7th., and taken to Brainerd hospital, is having a splendid recovery.

Mrs. James Campbell underwent an operation for strangulated hernia, at Brainerd Hospital, the fore part of this week and is enjoying a good recovery.

Mrs. Scott, wife of the late Dr. Scott of Ithaca, is in Brainerd Hospital, under the Doctor's care.

While feeding a litter of young pigs Monday, Mrs. Mary Bohill of Ashley, was attacked by the mother and very badly gored in the right limb. Before the angry sow could be driven away Mrs. Bohill was badly cut by the animal's tusks. She was rushed to Brainerd Hospital. At first it was reported that the injuries might prove fatal but the diagnosis proved that a speedy recovery might be expected.

BIRDS BIG AID TO FARMERS

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breasted Grosbeak, in trees, Red-headed Woodpecker and Flicker in holes in trees or in boxes, Crested Flycatcher and Wrens in boxes, all fill in their places perfectly. The insect world grows small in comparison. There is no place for a professional entomologist. The insects are having hard times. The Night-hawks and Swifts hunt them in the air, the wood warblers catch them in the trees, the Woodpeckers dig them out of the wood and bark off the trees, the Wrens pick them out of the blossoms, the Tow-hee scratches them out from their hiding under the fallen leaves, and the Sandpiper, Wood-cocks and Snipes, probe for them in the ground. With these policemen of the air always on duty, man's interest in orchard and field crops are well guarded. His farms are remarkably free from insect pests.

It is what Mr. Ford has been doing for the bird life of this region that caused me to visit his farm. The visit was filled every moment with something worth while. It was with some feeling of disappointment that I found that at this time no one appears to be following up the work so splendidly and effectively begun by the late Mr. Jefferson Butler. Notwithstanding this lapse the birds seem to be holding on well to what was done for them, and are well established for the time. It would be amply worth while however, to keep the work up and carry it on to further lengths in putting to additional tests what may be done to increase and protect the bird life of the region and for the state.

Alma has an opportunity to make a bird refuge. The work at first at least will have to be voluntary. But volunteers make superior workmen as well as soldiers. Whenever any thing is called for in this direction give it your support in action as well as words, and we shall all see and enjoy the results. If you do not know about the work join the Alma Bird Club and keep right at it till you see some of the things that can be accomplished. It will mean better crops, better fruit orchards, better friends and more pleasures in making Alma a better place for your home.

H. M. MacCurdy.

There's A Reason

For the benefit of our patrons we have made some decided changes in our place of business, the Barber Shop and Cigar Store changing places. Best of all is the Turn Check system for the barber shop; the turn checks allow you to go where you please, get a bath, shoes polished, buy a cigar or do your shopping; but, to hold your turn you must be ready when your number is called. We have three barbers again so their will be no long waits. This place is being conducted for the comfort and convenience of the public and if the service is not satisfactory, tell us please as "SERVICE" is our motto.

Davis Barber Shop and Cigar Store

BATHS IN CONNECTION

NOT A ONE

Storekeepers seldom praise goods, but now and then they can't help it. For instance, when a simple liniment has cured external ill for 68 years, honest dealers cannot help but confirm what Mr. A. Van Sickle of Sommerfield, Pa., said: "We have had calls for Hanford's Balsam of Myrrh for miles around, and have never had a bottle returned—not a one."

County Correspondence

NORTH SHADE

Quite a few from this vicinity spent the Fourth at Crystal.

Mr. and Mrs. Wm. Patten are the proud parents of a son.

Miss Campbell and Mrs. Lizzie Dent and baby visited Mrs. Clara Palmer of Carson City last week.

Miss Mabel Mann spent a day last week at the home of her mother.

Mrs. William O'Connell spent Friday and Saturday with her son Mathew.

Jim Fockler visited at the home of Charles Fockler last week.

Misses Susie and Billie Siple spent Friday evening and Saturday with their sister.

Henry Frank has purchased a Saxon car.

Quite a lot of damage was done in Carson City by the electric storm last week.

James Fockler and Mrs. Mina Lowe were married last week.

Mrs. M. Chester of Carson City is visiting her daughter Mrs. Jim Barrett.

Mrs. Mabel Walterbery and daughter Marguerite of Battle Creek and Keith Stoffs of Toledo, Ohio, called at the home of Laura Frazer and Mrs. Annie Boyd.

Mr. and Mrs. William Hill attended the circus at Alma.

Mrs. Roach of Hubbardston visited her mother, Mrs. William O'Connell.

Mrs. Tom Mann spent a few days with her sister at Cass City.

Mr. and Mrs. Stonebrook are happy over the arrival of a son.

Mr. and Mrs. Patten are the proud parents of a baby.

Will Montgomery has purchased a new Ford car.

Philo Davis and son Lloyd were in Carson City last Thursday.

The electric storm last week did considerable damage. One corner of the school house roof was torn to pieces, and several blocks were torn loose. The Catholic church was struck as was also Mrs. Louck's home but this flame was soon extinguished.

Andrew Frazer's brother and wife spent Sunday at his home.

Mark Worden has raised his new windmill.

Mrs. Tom Mann and Mrs. Lee Mann attended the funeral of Mrs. Andrews at Carson City.

Chas. Shining visited Hugh Frazer Lariffe spent Sunday with Mr. Hull's last Sunday afternoon.

Asia Hull and family and Roy parents.

Andrew Frazer and wife spent Thursday in Ithaca and at the home of the latter's sister, Mrs. Sidney Williams of Middleton.

SOUTH EAST COE

Merrit Leonard and wife, Albert and Almon Cline and Floyd and Herbert Smith, visited at the home of Pearl Leonard, in Alma, Wednesday of last week.

Mrs. Silas Leonard is making a week's visit at the home of her son William Peters of Mt. Pleasant.

Morgan Leonard and family autoted to Mt. Pleasant, Sunday, and took dinner with Mrs. Leonard's sister, Lila Finney and family. They drove to Rosebush, coming home in the evening and bringing a niece, Miss Lida Finney, home with them for a couple of weeks visit.

Mrs. Martha Beacon with her children who have been visiting her parents the past ten days, returned to her home in Owosso, Saturday.

The S. A. S. will hold their regular meeting at the home of Mrs. Silas Leonard, Thursday afternoon of next week.

The Coe Band boys will give an ice cream supper, Friday evening, July 23, on the Frank Randolph lawn.

NOTICE TO SEWER CONTRACTORS

The City Council of Alma, Mich., will be in session at the City Hall, July 20, 1915, at 9:30 o'clock in the afternoon, for the purpose of receiving sealed bids for material and labor for the construction of Rockingham, Woodworth Ave., and Gratiot Avenue, sewers, plans and specifications of which are now on file with the City Clerk. Certified checks for 5 per cent. of the amount bid on the Rockingham, and 10 per cent. of bid on the other jobs required, as guaranty that contract will be entered. Council reserves right to reject any or all bids.

Alma Mich., June 29, 1915.
D. W. Adams,
City Clerk. 1894-13

AN EASY PLEASANT LAXATIVE

One or two Dr. King's New Life Pills with a tumbler of water at night. No bad nauseating taste; no belching gas. Go right to bed. Wake up in the morning, enjoy a free, easy bowel movement, and feel fine all day. Dr. King's New Life Pills are sold by all Druggists, 36 in an original package, for 25c. Get a bottle to-day—enjoy this easy, pleasant laxative. adv.-2

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GRATIOT COUNTY GAS CO.

PLEASE DON'T PUBLISH

Every newspaper is familiar with the request "Please do not publish anything about it." Sometimes it is made in the form of a demand and accompanied by threats of dire results if acquiescence does not follow.

There are a few things the public ought to keep in mind, in the matter of a newspaper's relation to the printing of news.

In the first place, a newspaper owes an obligation to its whole circle of readers to print a fair, comprehensive report of the week's happenings. It cannot overlook this responsibility merely to please individuals. That policy involves an injustice to the many and favoritism to the few. Who shall be favored?

Much of the news that is printed, unfortunately occasions annoyance and often heartache to somebody. That is an unavoidable incident of the newspaper business. Is there justification for shielding from such consequences the man or woman who has influence, socially or in business, while the many who lack it must be treated without such consideration?

Persons who wish to escape publicity should be careful not to make news or should count the cost of advertisement to the world as part of the price they must pay for what they have determined upon doing.

There are certain easily defined zones of publicity. The individual who steps into any of these may count upon getting his name in the newspapers. One is the courts, civil and criminal. The man who goes to law invites advertisement. Yet many men—and sometimes women—appeal to a newspaper to suppress reports of legal proceedings in order that they may be saved annoyance. The time to consider immunity is before resort to law.

Departure from the conventionalities of life is another means of entering the publicity zone. Conduct that is off the beaten trail affords news. Those who defy social observances or tread upon established institutions must not expect to escape print, and should not ask to be saved from such notoriety.

Further, much injustice may be done by the suppression of news. The tongue of gossip, uninformed of the real facts, can do a hundred times more injury to the innocent than publication of the truth will do to those actually involved. Often a newspaper is shielding the reputation of a score from the scandal of suspicion when it is telling the truth about one who has incurred the liability to censure.

A newspaper, with a sense of responsibility, will exercise a certain discrimination. There may be times and circumstances that justify suppression. Some happenings may in the reporting of them serve no proper end. Of two things the responsible newspaper will be jealously careful—the good name of a woman and her reputation of a financial institution.

Both are of that delicacy to be easily hurt. The good name of a woman is a treasure beyond price and a cloud cast upon the reputation of a bank or trust company may cause loss to thousands who are dependent upon its

solvency.

But this lesson the public should learn—the way to avoid publicity is to avoid departure from the beaten track; and let this be added to it—if you have diverged into the danger zone the way to obtain considerate treatment is to assume that you are a subject for news and to take the newspapers into your confidence frankly and fully.

Such confidence is rarely abused, and assuredly never by any newspaper that makes profession of decency or has regard for ethics.—Fourth Estate.

Church Notes

ST. JOHNS

Sunday.
Morning Prayer and Service—10:00 o'clock.
Sunday School—11:30 a.m.
Union Service—7:30 p.m.
No week-night service.

METHODIST CHURCH

The pastor will preach Sunday at 10:00 a.m. and 7:30 p.m. Topic will be, "Summer Sins", at the morning sermon and at the evening service there will be a Song Sermon. If you are a lover of song you will enjoy this service. Bible School at 11:30 a.m., be sure and be present. Epworth League 6:30 p.m., leader Miss Vida I. Greig. You will always find a welcome at any or all of our services.

Thomas G. R. Brownlow,
Minister.

FIRST PRESBYTERIAN CHURCH

William H. Mason, Pastor.
Sunday, July 18.
10:00 a.m.—Morning worship.
Theme: "The Christian's Fortress"
11:30 a.m.—Sabbath School, Mr. Frank McConkey, Superintendent.
2:45 p.m.—East End Sabbath school, Prof. F. N. Notestein, Superintendent.
6:30 p.m.—Y. P. S. C. E.
7:30 p.m.—Union Services, Rev. Murray will preach.
Tuesday, July 20.
7:30 p.m.—Prayer Meeting at East End Chapel.
Thursday, July 22.
7:30 p.m.—Prayer Meeting.
A cordial welcome to all services.

Miss Marcella Adams went to Bass Lake, this morning to spend a few days at the resort.

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